

# Our park partners

Two non-profit park partners can help you to help the parks, and everyone benefits:

Become a member of the **Sequoia Natural History Association** (SNHA) and get discounts in park book stores and on activities including seminars, the winter Pear Lake Ski Hut, and the summer tours in Crystal Cave. Join at any visitor center or go online at [www.sequoiahistory.org](http://www.sequoiahistory.org).



**Pear Lake Ski Hut**, operated by the SNHA, sits in a granite basin high above Lodgepole. At 9,200 feet elevation (2804m), it is surrounded by glistening snowfields, icy rock walls, and a deep blue sky. Six strenuous miles on skis or snowshoes get you to its ten bunkbeds and warm wood-pellet stove. It's a great opportunity to experience the winter glory of the High Sierra. Call 559-565-3759 (reservations are required) and check the website above for winter travel seminars with the SNHA.

The **Sequoia Parks Foundation** raises funds for projects that enhance these parks. Be part of their efforts!

Beetle Rock Center in the Giant Forest would not exist without the help of the Foundation. They funded remodel of the historic building into an education center. Together with the SNHA, they made use of this facility possible for us all.

The Foundation also raises funds for trailwork and for the *Rangers in the Classroom* program. In addition, it has started an initiative to explore these fabulous parks through art. Ask for information at a visitor center, or go to [www.sequoiaparks-foundation.org](http://www.sequoiaparks-foundation.org) to learn how you can help advance your interests in these parks.



Recent contributions have helped to improve and repair several popular trails, including increased accessibility at Zumwalt Meadow with an extended boardwalk.

# Activities

**FREE WALKS & TALKS:** Ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, or the Foothills. Watch for snowshoe walks once the snow flies. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for details and schedules.

## VISITOR CENTERS & STORES:

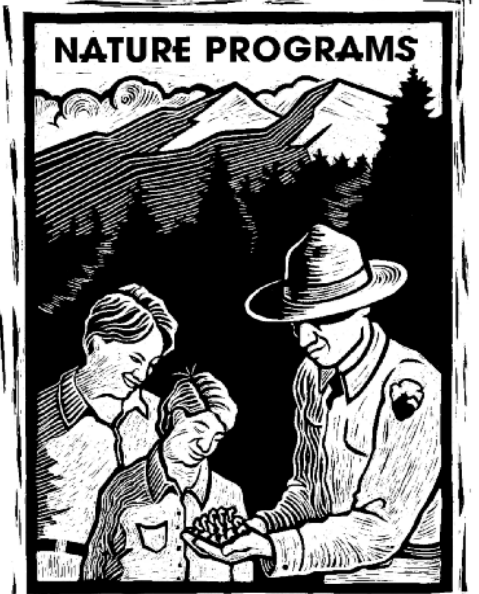
Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8-9 for details.

## JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

**FREE** for all ages. If you are 5 to 105 years old, you can become a Sequoia & Kings Canyon Junior Ranger!

To earn your badge, pick up a free booklet at any visitor center and complete the activities for your age group. Have fun learning!

**TEACHERS - BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS!** Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades offered in spring and fall. Topics include life cycle and adaptations of sequoias, species interdependence, and cultural history of the Kaweah River drainage. For details or to reserve a date: 1-559-565-4303.



## WHERE CAN I...

**Your visit may include both a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest (USFS). Activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know which area you are in (see page 12)!**

- **WALK A PET - In the Parks:** Not on any trails but it's o.k 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). **In the National Forest:** Pets can go on trails. **In both areas:** Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Never leave pets in cars when it's warm as they over-heat quickly.
- **COLLECT THINGS TO TAKE HOME - Not in Parks:** Leave things where you find them to play their natural role in the ecosystem. **In the National Forest:** Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. **In both areas:** Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.
- **HUNT - Not in the Parks.** Visitors are responsible for understanding and complying with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. **In the National Forest:** Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.
- **GO CAMPING - In the Parks:** Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. **In the National Forest:** In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.
- **DRIVE OHVs OFF-ROAD - Not in the parks.** Stay on roads. **In the National Forest:** Off-highway-vehicle (OHV) routes available. Get specific information at USFS Hume Lake office (in Dunlap on Hwy 180) or Kings Canyon Visitor Center (Grant Grove).
- **CUT WOOD - Not in the Parks.** **In the National Forest:** Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit and guidelines: 559-338-2251.

- **GO PICNICKING** - See picnic symbols on back-page map. **Due to bears, never leave food unattended!** Most sites have tables, restrooms and fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills and Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, and Crescent Meadow. Area across from Foothills Visitor Center may be closed intermittently.
- **SNOWMOBILE** **Not in the Parks.** **In National Forest:** Only on designated snowmobile routes. Snowmobile trailheads at Cherry Gap, Big Meadows, & Quail Flat. For information: 1-559-338-2251.
- **HAVE A FIRE** **In the Parks:** Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. **In National Forest:** Free fire permits required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.
- **GO FISHING - In both areas:** Permitted during fishing season. California fishing licenses are required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.
- **RIDE BICYCLES - In the Parks:** Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). **In the National Forest:** Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. **In both areas:** Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

## • RIDE HORSEBACK

Closed for the season. Spring opening dates depend on weather. Rides, backcountry spot trips, or guided trips.

- **Cedar Grove**  
1-559-565-3464 summer  
1-559-337-2314 off season
- **Grant Grove**  
1-559-335-9292 summer  
1-559-799-7247 off season
- **Horse Corral**  
at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest  
1-559-565-3404 summer  
1-559-564-6429 off season  
1-559-679-3573 cell